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Ex parte LAWRENCE N. TAUGHER

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

An Examiner's Answer was entered into the record on July 17, 2001 (Paper No. 28).

On Page 3 of the Examiner's Answer, the examiner cites the reference

JP 404095287 as prior art. The record, however, does not contain an English language translation of the complete reference.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application be remanded to the examiner for obtaining an English language translation of the complete reference JP 404095287, and for any further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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